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SUBJ: PRESS REACTION TO SECRETARY VANCE'S ASIA POLICY SPEECH

1. PRESS REACTION TO SECRETARY VANCE'S JUNE 29
SPEECH BEFORE ASIA SOCIETY IN NEW YORK LIMITED.

2. JULY 1 BULLETING TODAY PRINTED UPI STORY ON INTER-
NATIONAL NEWS PAGE REPORTING SPEECH AND STRESSING US
COMMITMENT TO NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH CHINA.

3. DAILY EXPRESS COLUMNIST TEODORO VALENCIA, REFERRING
TO VARIOUS SECTIONS OF SECRETARY'S SPEECH, MADE NUMBER
OF CRITICISMS OF US IN JULY 3 COLUMN. VALENCIA INTERPRETED
SECRETARY'S REMARKS ON RELATIONS WITH CHINA, JAPAN AND VIETNAM
AS INDICATING AMERICANS "FRIENDLIER" TO FORMER ENEMIES THAN
TO FORMER ALLIES. SCOFFING AT SECRETARY'S REFERENCE
TO "RECIPROCITY AND MUTUAL RESPECT" IN RELATIONS WITH
ASIAN COUNTRIES, HE QUERIED: "HOW CAN WE ENJOY RECIPROCITY
AND MUTUAL RESPECT AND APPRECIATE HUMAN RIGHTS WITH THE
US WHEN SHE'S ABOVE THE LAW IN THE PHILIPPINES?" VALENCIA
ASSERTED THAT JAPAN IS IMPORTANT TO US ONLY BECAUSE
JAPAN IS RICH AND HAS PROVED "SHE CAN LICK THE US."
POOR ASIAN COUNTRIES, NO MATTER HOW LOYAL, ARE OF
LESSER IMPORTANCE.

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4. TIMES JOURNAL AND DAILY EXPRESS RAN IDENTICAL FEATURE
STORY JULY 5 BASED ON PNA WASHINGTON REPORT, EMPHASIZING
SECRETARY'S SUPPORT OF ASEAN IN ASIA SOCIETY SPEECH.
THE ARTICLE STATED THAT AFTER "VIRTUALLY IGNORING IT FOR THE
PAST SEVERAL YEARS," US NOW READY TO DEAL WITH ASEAN.
ARTICLE BRIEFLY OUTLINED INCREASING US-ASEAN INTERACTION,

INCLUDING UPCOMING DIALOGUE. ARTICLE ALSO REPORTED SECRETARY'S
REMARKS ON US AS ASIAN POWER, PHILIPPINE RELATIONS, AND HUMAN
RIGHTS.

5. COMMENT: SO FAR WE HAVE RECEIVED NO AUTHORITATIVE
OFFICIAL REACTION. PRESIDENT MARCOS WHO WAS PROVIDED COPY OF
SPEECH OFFERED NO COMMENT ALTHOUGH HE SPENT JULY 4
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